

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Applicants must present evidence of their readiness to pursue an Advanced Certificate in Spiritual Direction. Seminary applicants must meet a variety of admissions criteria including, but not limited to, quality of character, spiritual maturity, and your vocational vision for spiritual direction. This confidential autobiographical statement enables you to communicate personally with the committee. The essay-format autobiographical statement is to be 1,000-1,500 words, typewritten in 12-point font and double spaced. Organize your statement per the following three sections, using the headings below as subtitles. Upon completion, please email to admissions@nes.edu with the subject line “Autobiographical Statement.”

SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

Describe how you came to know Christ, the factors of influence, and the steps in the process.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

What has influenced your calling to Christian service? How have your primary relationships or personal journey influenced this call to service?

PAST EXPERIENCE AND FUTURE HOPE FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Outline your past and current involvement in spiritual guidance/direction and why you want to provide spiritual guidance to others?